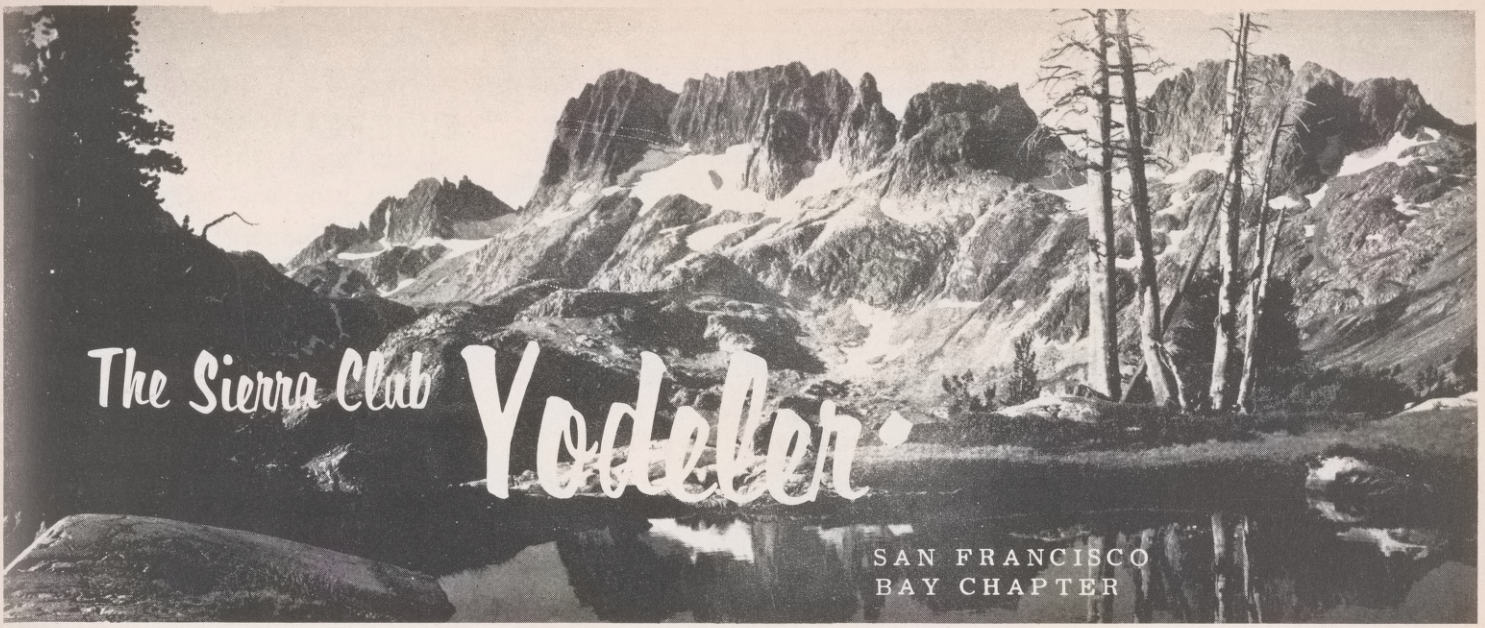

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CONSERVATION NEWS

Last time this column appeared the editor buried its forceful (we hope) first paragraph somewhere on page 3. Perhaps you didn't get a chance to read that far. So we will turn accident to advantage and say once again that it is not too late to do your part in helping the Wilderness Bill through Congress. It is definitely "cooking" up there in Washington and your letters to your Senators and Representatives will most certainly help. Tell them that you personally are interested in keeping the wilderness we already have (the Bill does *not* create large new wilderness areas, as opponents have said) and why you think it should be passed promptly. If you can get all that on one page of note paper you will have written an effective letter.

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At the southern edge of Sequoia National Park a recent survey showed that a small group of cottages at Silver City was actually within the Park boundaries, not in the National Forest. An exchange of land seemed the best way to deal with this accident of an old survey. Other exchanges of land, 6000 acres in all, were included in a bill in Congress, a necessary measure to legalize such exchanges. The 6000 acres have been eliminated from the bill but the 10 acres of cabins are now legally separated from the Park and can placidly continue their existence in the National Forest. The acreage

NEWS OF THE COUNCIL

Some of the perennial problems before the Council are those connected with membership. At the October meeting, each delegate was given a list of delinquent members from his Chapter. They had all been sent (and had been ignored) letters from the National Office, but as reports at the May meeting revealed, there was a considerable response from personal contact. Along the same line it was reported that both new members and transfers were all too frequently ignored by the Chapter and that at least a letter of welcome would be in order.

Both the Council and the Directors continue to study the problem of membership procedures. Opinions range from those who would hold to the present "two sponsors and sixty-day waiting period" to those who would abolish both of these requirements. It seems quite likely that, eventually, a proposal to make some change in the by-laws will be put before the membership. In the meantime, it would be well if every member would give the matter some thought and pass on ideas to his Council representative.

To continue our thumb-nail sketches of the Council Executive Committee members: Our new secretary, Walter Ward, has been a Sierra Club member for seven years and has served the Loma Prieta Chapter as treasurer, chairman of the Conservation Committee, and as chairman of the Chap-

EUROPEAN MEDLEY

This is a solicited article—your editor, who is only a staff-member this issue, got back today and was told we needed something to fill space.

Almost thought I was going to see the midnite sun on my far north return flight. I couldn't tell what time it was as time changes awfully fast at such high latitudes, but the sun finally did go down.

I was very pleased with my little airline, nice meals served very frequently, and some little extras such as brandy at times. It was a long flight—over 24 hours elapsed between Europe and New York. DC-4's fly slow and low, but I would still recommend the line if your time is worth less than $50 a day.

Iceland—after seeing it about 20 minutes from the air I decided no stopovers there! A bare, desolate wilderness—but they sure do raise some of the most beautiful blonde airline stewardesses I ever saw.

Switzerland—where they'll buy or sell any kind of money for any other kind. Many banks have big displays of currency issued by all sorts of countries. The one that intrigued me most was a bill for "Fem (5) kroner," issued by the Landsbanki Islands—does anybody know where that country is?

(And a little aside about the confusion of European money—I've been spending 4 kinds of kroners and ores, Deutschmarks and pfennigs, 3 kinds of

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eliminated from the exchange would have transferred part of the Garfield Grove of Big Trees from the Park to the Forest. They are very close to the grove which was recently lumbered by the Dillon Mill just outside the extreme south boundary of the Park.

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The YODELER takes off its hat to THE ARGONAUT, news magazine of the Atlantic Chapter. Not only is the cover good enough for the National Geographic Magazine, in our opinion, but the conservation coverage is excellent. Sections "round up" the news in short paragraphs, showing where support is needed, what items will need your attention in the near future, both western and eastern. There is also an excellent report of the Chapter affairs and activities, a list of magazine articles of interest to conservationists, and a directory of members of the Chapter. We counted over 350 names therein. This is a special issue, and is really a credit to the Sierra Club, to the Atlantic Chapter (and editor Stewart Ogilvy), and a splendid advertisement for conservation.

–CMC

FROM THE ARGONAUT

Here are some of the items in the conservation section of THE ARGONAUT which may be news to those of us who are apt to think the West has all the problems.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, under a double threat—use of margins for a superhighway and flooding of lower stretches by River Bend Dam on the Potomac.

Protection of New Jersey's Lebanon State Forest. The jets want much of it for an airport.

Preservation of the Hudson Palisades skyline just north of George Washington Bridge: a change in zoning regulations will permit buildings tall enough to project over the cliff top.

The Great Beach, one of the few stretches of Atlantic coastline still unspoiled by building, on Cape Cod, is proposed as a National Park. The Park Service wanted it 23 years ago, but had no money. Now signs of subdivision are going up.

Enlarging New York State Forest Preserve. They need 10 million dollars, and the State Conservation Dept. has only $100,000 in the budget for land purchases.

Highways threaten the New York Forest Preserve. The proposed "Northway" to Montreal would go through Preserve land west of Lake George. There is an alternate route east of Lake George which should be used.

–CMC

ARMCHAIR TRAVELS

"Cascades: A Scenic Wonderland," filmed by SC'er C. E. Monsees, will be the third presentation in the "Lucky 13 Summer Travel Series" at the Alameda Free Library.

It will be shown Tuesday evening, June 10, at 8:30. The library is at Santa Clara at Eighth Street in Alameda. Admission is free.

The YODELER takes its summer vacation after the next issue.

Anyone with any articles or announcements should note that June 16 is the DEADLINE. After that, no more YODELER until September.

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shillings, groschen, 2 kinds of francs, lira, guilders, 2 kinds of dollars, plus military scrip, pounds, pence, etc., with the basic unit varying from nearly $3 down to one-sixth of a cent.) Lovely, multi-lingual Switzerland, where they can talk to almost anyone no matter what language he speaks—routinely on

France—if you wait till you get there to get French money you get $9 worth for a $10 traveller's check, and then pay high prices with what you've got left. The recent problems didn't affect most tourists at all—you just see concentrations of army trucks and personnel standing at various streets. With gestures I asked one soldier "Rue (st.) du Bac this way?" and he replied—"I'm sorry, I'm a stranger here myself"!

Belgium—the Brussels fair is an architect's dream, or nightmare. Buildings are every conceivable—also inconceivable—shape and color. It's beautiful to see. Getting tipped it one of the big industries there—I bought a ticket to get a cup of tea at a counter, and the attendant reminded me there was a service charge also. The American pavilion at the fair somewhat broke with the Belgian tradition, for there was a quadrilingual sign there not to tip the female attendant in the men's washroom. Also, Belgium was my first experience with a very tasty dish—Filet Americain. Raw hamburger, and good too! – but where did they get that name?

Holland—lovely, low, flat little Holland. Saw a Chinese restaurant featuring "American Chop Suey." Saw a consignment of wooden shoes being unloaded, and someone said it was imported from Germany.

Holidays—something to watch out for in travellings. The 5 day Easter weekend in Norway, May 15 in Paris (Ascension Day), May 26 in London (Whit Monday). And on the westbound plane just out of Chicago I saw a newspaper mentioning that tomorrow was an election day in California. State employees can't work on election day, which means I returned a whole day earlier than necessary from my vacation—!

–HF

NEWS OF THE COUNCIL

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ter. His activity interests lie with photography and family knapsacking.

Jim Gorin was elected last October to fill the unexpired term of Ruth Bradley, so he is not a newcomer to the Executive Comittee. He has been a member of the Club since 1941 and has served as chairman of the Angeles Chapter twice. (If you ever hear some unbelievable stories of a one-legged man scaling cliffs, or a man on crutches storming up Mount Whitney, the chances are that these are true tales of Jim's many exploits!)

Kathy Jackson, I am sure, needs no introduction to most Sierra Club members. We are greatly indebted to her for the enormous amount of time and effort that she has given as chairman of the Council during its first two years, and it is good to know that we can continue to have the benefit of her counsel in the year ahead.

The next meeting of the Council has been set for October 18-19, in Los Angeles.

—Roy Dubisch

Summer Weekend at CTL

Hiking Section's second annual weekend at Clair Tappaan Lodge will be June 20-22.

Low rates — made possible by the share-the-work policy — will be $7 for members and $8 for non-members. This covers Friday night lodging through Sunday night dinner.

Hiking, swimming, eating and folk-dancing are on the agenda.

Make reservations by June 16 with Keith Lummis, Manager, Clair Tappaan Lodge, Norden, California; *not* through the Club office.

Transportation arrangements — by chartered bus at $6 extra—may also be made directly through Lummis.

Further information may be obtained from Mary Ann Honerkamp at UNderhill 3-7965 or Phyllis Macchiaverna at DIamond 2-5158.

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We are sorry to report the recent, sudden death of Jean McNee, who was well-known among hikers and high-trippers.

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CAR CAMPING JUNE 14-15

The Dardanelles Car Camping trip for June 14 promises to be one of the best of the season. The snow has just melted in the mountains and spring has come in all its loveliness.

There will be fishing for the fishermen, hiking for the hikers and sightseeing around Dodge Ridge and Pinecrest and Strawberry Lake.

Take highway 108 through Sonora. If you do not have a fire permit, stop at the Summit Ranger Station at the Pinecrest turnoff and obtain a free fire permit and a map of the area. The ranger station will be open until 6 p.m.

From the ranger station, continue on 108 nineteen miles to the Clark Fork turn-off. Turn left; cross the bridge; continue on the paved road 5.7 miles to the Clark Fork camp ground. Watch for sign on the right-hand side of the road. Turn right onto the paved road, cross the bridge, and follow Sierra Club arrows. Distance 200 miles, all paved highway. Elevation, under 8,000 feet.

Wood and water are plentiful.

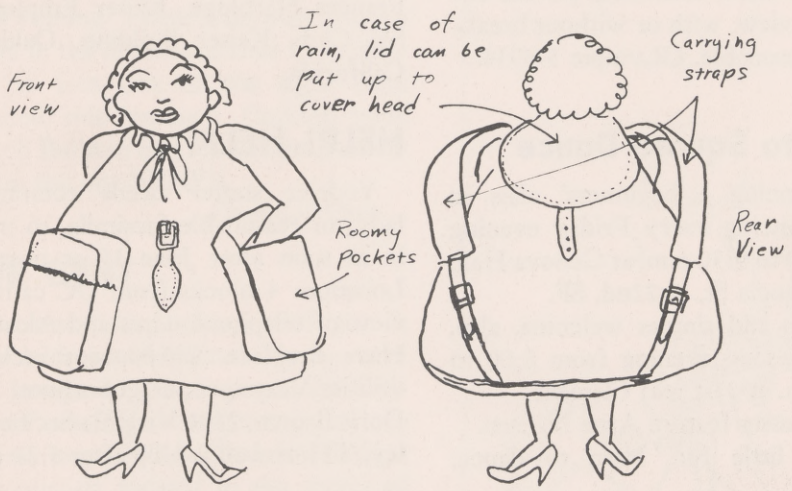
For further information, rides, or riders, phone Mary Margaret Jones, PRospect 5-4081.

—Mildred Hilkey

FOR SALE: STAR GUIDE

THE MODERN STAR GUIDE will help you learn the constellations and locate the stars at any hour on any day of the year. It is a ten-inch double disc arrangement, printed on rigid durable plastic. A table of planetary positions for Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn for a period of ten years is included. Campers, teachers, scouts, and other star gazers need this Guide with or without a telescope. Endorsed by Morrison Planetarium. Order from: Modern Star Guide, 2321 Derby St., Berkeley 5, Calif. Price: $2.50 postpaid.

GOING THE SACK DRESS ONE BETTER—



THE KNAPSACK DRESS - A NEW STYLE FOR THE SHORT, STOUT, WOMAN WHO LIKES TO HIKE BUT LACKS STAMINA. THE STRAPS MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE TO GIVE HER A LIFT.

CTL NEWS: EXTRA!! WORK PARTIES HAVE STARTED

This year our workparties will be embarking on two major projects. The first, to be completed before the snow is off the ground, is to remodel the downstairs men's dorm. It will be made over to coincide with the family rooms upstairs.

The second project is to finish the unfinished corner between the main lodge and the north annex. By doing this the basement, library, women's bunk room and upstairs bathroom will be enlarged.

We are going to need lots of help to complete this job. Each weekend there will be a foreman, previously designated, to attain continuity; it is hoped that we will have a foreman for the mid-week workpartiers.

If you would like to spend one or more weekends earning winter priorities and having fun for free, too (we quit at 3:30 p.m. to go swimming and hiking), then drop a card to Keith stating which weekend you can come and what talent you have – from sweeping floors to electrical ability– so that Keith can plan suitable jobs. Don't be bashful, join the fun at CTL.

If you have transportation to offer or need some, contact these people in your area:

San Francisco	East Bay
Anita Suran	June Bilisoly
813 Cole St.	1106 Keith Ave.
San Francisco 17	Berkeley 8
MOntrose 4-5423	THornwall 3-6979

Sacramento
Arnold Long
5306 - 60th St.
Sacramento
GL 1-0118

NATURAL SCIENCE FIELD TRIP JUNE 22

Take 8:15 Bolinas bus to Mountain Home. Follow the leader for a leisurely walk on the Ocean View Trail to Muir Woods with Helen Sharsmith pointing out things of botanical interest along the way. After a lunch stop among the redwoods, we will take the Fern Canyon Trail back to Mountain Home. Round trip approximately 5 miles.

Pauline K. Junke

FOR SALE

Having been unable to resist the beautiful camera bargains in Germany, I upgraded myself, and now have my original camera, a fine Kodak Retina II-C, available at about 40% off list. Case included free. Howard Frohlich, MArket 1-1547.

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1929 FORD ROADSTER. Fully restored to original (concourse) condition. TRANSFERRED. Bargain at $750.00. Harvey Rogers, 55 Buena Vista Ave., San Francisco. Days, SUtter 1-5207; Eves, KLondike 2-1231.

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Volkswagen, green convertible, beige top, 1 owner, 14,000 miles, A-1 condition, $1,550. MOntrose 4-7303.

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Room for Rent, furnished, private entrance, view, with or without breakfast, reasonable. OLympic 5-6934.

Learn to Square Dance

Announcing a beginners' class in square dancing *every* Friday evening from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Genova Hall, 1074 Valencia St. at 22nd, SF.

Couples and singles welcome, also, every Tuesday evening from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at 31st and Clement.

Both classes feature Arne Neilsen.

For a little fun, learn to dance, square!

BASF NEWS

The BASF Summer Carnival will be held at Donner Lake August 16-17. This is a wonderful time to see all your friends in something besides ski clothes. All Sierra Clubbers (skiers or not) are cordially invited to have fun at Donner that weekend. Those who have power boats that will pull waterskiers can bring their boats and the fuel will be provided out of a common fund. Each water skier will be charged about a dollar for all day, and the money pooled to buy the gas.

Have you wanted to ski in Europe? Here's your chance.

WHO–Members of Bay Area Ski Federation Member Clubs (that's us).

WHAT–A two to three week ski and fun trip sponsored by Kaiser Employees Ski Club.

WHERE–From San Francisco to Austria and Switzerland.

WHEN–Three trips between February 1 and April 1, 1959.

HOW–Over the Pole on a chartered Swissair DC7C.

HOW MUCH–Plane fare to Zurich and return, $350. Similar trips this year indicate that all other expenses average about $150. Making a total of $500.

ACT IMMEDIATELY – Reservations are being made now.

CONTACT – For complete information address your request to: Miss Frances Harbidge, Kaiser Employees Ski Club, Kaiser Building, Oakland, California.

HELP! HELP!

Yodeler staffer needs roommate; lady, or reasonable facsimile, to move in as soon after June 15 as possible. Location: 4 blocks from UC campus, view of telephone wires and Alcatraz. Have fireplace. $40.00 rent includes utilities Very quiet neighborhood. Call Doris Brown, 2301 Virginia St., Berkeley, THornwall 8-8400 after 5:30 p.m.

THE HIGH-LIGHT TRIP

The Outing Committee is presenting a new type of trip this year called the High-Light trip. This trip should be very popular because the number of people is limited to 50; and moving distances will be short; and because of the fun of working together in commissary since the work-load will not be heavy. Another important advantage is that it is lower priced than some trips because the members will share in the running of everything but the mules. So, read the complete details about the High-Light Trip in your March Bulletin and send in your reservation for it immediately so that you may be assured of going. It will be a new and enjoyable experience.

—Dorothy Otto

SUMMER KNAPSACK TRIPS

The summer Knapsack Trips afford one the opportunity to see the mountains with the greatest freedom. There is a wonderful feeling of accomplishment and cameraderie in backpacking. This year there are eight knapsack trips offered with a wide variety of attractions and various degrees of difficulty. For those who wish to stay near home, there will be six trips in the Sierra and for those who like to roam farther afield there will be two out-of-State trips—one in Washington and one in Wyoming. There is no finer way to travel in the mountains than knapsacking, so join one of the eight trips planned this summer. Consult your March Bulletin and send in your reservation for one NOW!!

—Dorothy Otto

FOR RENT

For rent with cooking privileges: A large bedroom with bath, living room and garage in private home in Piedmont Pines. This is an attractive wooded area near Skyline Blvd. in Oakland conveniently located to the center of town and Berkeley by car. Call evenings KEllog 2-1360. Irene Overmire.

CAREER FOR THE AMBITIOUS

Please, will someone volunteer to take over my task of keeping the chapter addressograph plates in order? I am moving to Seattle, and Sierra Club tradition demands that I find a replacement before I go.

This is one of those behind-the-scenes tasks which are unspectacular but necessary to the smooth running of the club. It must be done in the Club office, but has no set time requirement, and can be done in your "spare time", requiring 2-3 hours a month. New plates must be filed and tags put on the plates of spouse members. The only requirement is a taste for clerical detail and a knowledge that "B" comes after "A".

Call me at Highgate 4-1652 — and don't get discouraged if I am not at home. Leave a message, or keep trying. I am leaving on my vacation June 21, so please talk yourself into it right away. DO IT NOW!

—Helen Waterman

PLENTY OF SNOW ON HALF DOME

Last month, on May 17 and 18, Yosemite Valley was magnificent with the falls all swollen to maximum size.

Our group of 16, mostly Explorer Scouts, camped at the foot of the Half-Dome Trail by the Merced River in Little Yosemite Valley. We swam in the river Saturday afternoon—oh! It was cold!!

Sunday morning we climbed the trail to Half Dome. It was dry and in good condition until near the shoulder. The last half mile was completely covered with solidly packed snow—right up to the foot of Half Dome. Nine of the Explorers climbed up the cable and completely to the top. The lower portion of the cable is not yet supported off the granite, but provided adequate help to get up.

It was a beautiful weekend climaxed with that incomparable view from the top of Half Dome.

—Darrell Southwell

WHAT OTHER SC CHAPTERS ARE DOING

Bay Area Sierrans planning travel to other areas: Here are some trips scheduled by other chapters of your club. You're welcome, too.

Toiyabe Chapter (Carson City) has scheduled a hike to Emigrant Lake for Sunday, June 29. Meet at State Museum, Carson City, 8:30 a.m., or at summit of Carson Pass two hours later. Leader: Stephanie Godwin, Box 1605, Reno.

Mother Lode Chapter (Sacramento) will have a Spring Feed and Fun Fest at Micke's Grove Park, near Lodi, with swimming, baseball, and folk dancing. Since the greater part of the meal is potluck (the part that isn't is the meat you bring—they supply the fire). Play safe and contact the leaders: Norma Coates, 2509 C Street, Sacramento; Betty Robinson, 406 E. 8th Street, Davis. Oh yes, the date: Friday, June 13.

Angeles Chapter (Los Angeles) is contemplating a climb up "Little Pichaco", to reach the peak if possible. Probably the weekend of October 11-12. Walt Heninger, 1442 Mt. Pleasant Street, Los Angeles 42, wants to know who's interested.

—A.R.

FOR SALE

New two-man tent of waterproof hercolite with sewn-in floor. Weighs 38 oz. Designed like tent on page 56 of "Going Light". $30.00. Bruce Lenmark, 1129 - 4th St., Bakersfield, Calif.

FLASH! A SECOND SALMON RIVER TRIP

Due to great demand, there will be a second Salmon River Trip immediately following the first one. This river trip is new on the outing program this year and takes one into superb wilderness country. There will be thrilling runs on the river with layover days which will allow ample time for hiking, fishing, swimming or just relaxing in the sun.

We suggest that you send in your reservation immediately for one of the Salmon River Trips so that your name will be on the list before the trips are filled. Look in your March Bulletin for complete details about these trips.

—Dorothy Otto

WAMPLER LEISURE CAMP

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For details and reservations write:

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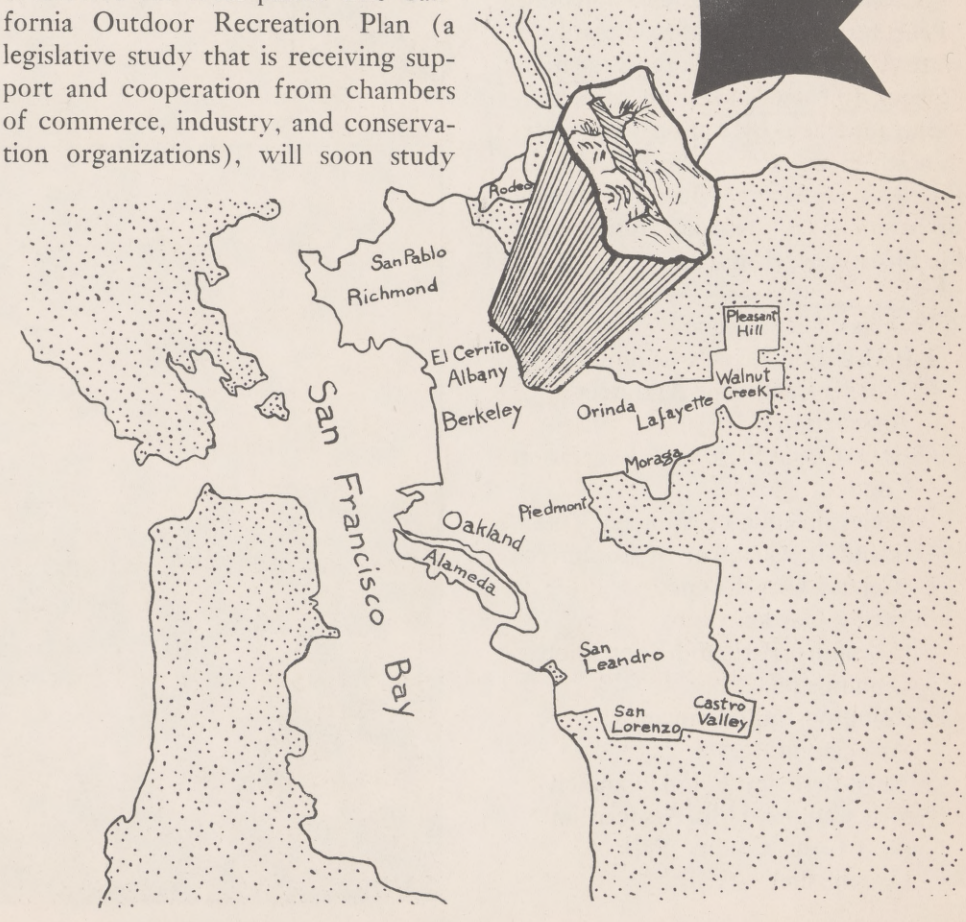
This is YOUR Land!

If you live within the area shown on the map, use water, pay taxes and vote, this land is yours. You, along with more than a half million others, have delegated the authority of its management to an elected board of five men. Within the last year this board has declared the 6500 acres of watershed land surrounding San Pablo Reservoir as "surplus land". In offering this land for sale to any subdivider who will install a sewage system, the Board of Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District has overlooked popular opinion and the judgement of governmental agencies.

Look carefully at the land. Its still waters, rolling grassy slopes, and tree studded hills are part of the rapidly vanishing California countryside. Today the city dweller sees less and less of the natural landscape that lies hidden beneath the manicured gardens, the buildings, and the streets of East Bay and Contra Costa communities. Many have made, and many millions more will make Alameda and Contra Costa Counties their home.

Should we let a five-man board sell our easily accessible outdoor scenic and recreational areas? E.B.M.U.D., in wisely providing for the future water needs of a million people is depending on long range bond financing in the hundreds of millions of dollars. But long range planning is also necessary if future generations are to have the inspiration that comes with natural outdoor beauty. Our high standard of living, which gives us more than food for our stomachs and a roof over our heads, should provide for our recreation and relaxation.

The State Division of Beaches and Parks has recommended in a survey, endorsed by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, that this land be considered for local parks. The California Outdoor Recreation Plan (a legislative study that is receiving support and cooperation from chambers of commerce, industry, and conservation organizations), will soon study



This is YOUR Land !

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the bay area's needs as part of a state wide plan that will be developed within a few years.

If this land can be held for a few years until state, county, and regional park needs have been determined, it would be no loss to the people because real estate is one of the best investments we can keep. The idea that this five million dollar's worth of land can be returned to the tax rolls is deceiving. Some of the land sold by the water district in Wildcat Canyon six years ago is still not on the tax rolls. The cost of developing a subdivision without industry for a tax base is a great expense for the county wide taxpayer who must help provide for utilities, roads, schools, and police and fire protection.

On the other hand, any community in our rapidly growing urban areas can become slums, economically and esthetically unless parks of natural beauty and healthy outdoor recreation are nearby.

The Sierra Club joins with the other organizations listed below in objecting to the sale of these lands. We ask the water board to declare a ten-year moratorium on these lands. *You*, as an individual, can help by stating your views in a letter or card to the E.B.M.U.D. Board of Directors, your city council or planning commission, your county board of supervisors, and your newspaper.

This is what You can do!

- Berkeley City Council
- E.B.M.U.D. Citizen's Committee
- California Landscape Architect's Association
- Contra Costa Park and Recreation Council
- Berkeley League of Women Voters
- Oakland Jr. Chamber of Commerce
- El Cerrito City Council
- Berkeley Garden Clubs
- San Leandro Park and Recreation Commission
- Kensington Improvement Association
- Albany-Berkeley P.T.A. Council
- North Campus Hills Association
- Contra Costa County Park Commission

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